

## **"While Doing Life Together" / April 22, 2018**

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**Well, I do not know if you have seen these yet, but we got some pretty nice Neon Signs for our Missions Statement! Say it with me this morning...**

**While Doing Life Together,  
We will Reach the Lost,  
By sending the found,  
As we Discover our gifts,  
To change the world.**

**I believe that the Lord downloaded a very simple, yet profound Mission Statement this winter. I believe this with all my heart! I am asking all of you to memorize this, live by this, and pass it down to your kids and grandkids! As this mission gets down in you and you become this statement, I know that God will transform us to be the Body of Believers that He so desires us to be!**

**Let's say it together one more time before I start to preach...**

**AMEN – Let's Pray!**

**In John 17, Jesus is praying, and He says the following prayer to God the Father...**

**John 17:20-23**, "I'm praying not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me because of them and their witness about me. The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind — just as you, Father, are in me and I in you, so they might be one heart and mind with us. Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me. The same glory you gave me, I gave them, so they'll be as unified and together as we are — I in them and you in me. Then they'll be mature in this oneness and give the godless world evidence that you've sent me and loved them in the same way you've loved me.

**This morning I want to key in on a thought this morning as it relates to "Doing Life Together".**

**Vs. 22 & 23**, The same glory you gave me, I gave them, so they'll be as unified and together as we are — I in them and you in me. Then they'll be mature in this oneness, and give the godless world evidence that you've sent me and loved them in the same way you've loved me.

**There is so much in this little 53 word passage of Jesus words! I want to break this up in some bite size pieces for us this morning!**

**If you are taking notes, Great! If you are not, start taking them! LOL!**

1) **In the same glory you gave me...**

- Cornerstone, see here that the same glory that the Father gave the Son, the Son gave us!
- Jesus said in John **14:12-14**, "The person who trusts me will not only do what I'm doing but even greater things, because I, on my way to the Father, am giving you the same work to do that I've been doing. You can count on it. From now on, whatever you request along the lines of who I am and what I am doing, I'll do it. That's how the Father will be seen for who he is in the Son. I mean it. Whatever you request in this way, I'll do."
- So, you see, you are like Christ and you have the power that Christ has! He desires you to live a life that is full of power and not boring!
- Church I got news for you this morning, "**You are not, an average Joe!**"
- **Your Identity is in Him, not what you do!**
- You and I have the same glory that CHRIST has!

2) **As unified and together as we** (The Father and the Son) **are...then they'll be mature in this oneness...**

- Cornerstone, Jesus final prayer for those that he loved the most, was that we would be unified and together! Not splintered and shattered, but in harmony and living in the bonds of peace!
- **Eph. 4:2-6, 7, 11-13, 14-16**, "<sup>2</sup> Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. <sup>4</sup> For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. <sup>5</sup> There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all. <sup>7</sup> However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ.

<sup>11</sup> Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. <sup>12</sup> Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup> This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. <sup>15</sup> Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. <sup>16</sup> He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

- Cornerstone, can we see it this morning that we are supposed be together, unified, at peace, in trust, in harmony with one another!
- There is enough hopelessness in the world, the church should never be a picture of that same hopelessness because we are not fit together!
- Remember that 1 Cor. 13, says that the greatest of all things is love, Paul tells the Ephesians what he told the Corinthians, "the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love!"
- **If we want to see the kingdom of Heaven grow, then let us love like the King of Heaven Loves!**
- **Living in Unity means to Live in Love!**

**3) Give the godless world evidence that you've sent me and loved them in the same way you've loved me.**

- Cornerstone, I am telling you this morning, I watched as simply a volunteer and dad this weekend students love Jesus and love each other in a way that can only be explained by saying I saw Jesus' love!
- I was in tears, when I watched 4 of our students go down to the front alters in front of over 1,200 of their peers and make a statement that I am ready to live my life for Jesus. I am ready to go, and not come back the same! Evidence to a godless world that there is a God in heaven and He loves that world, so much that He would give His one and only Son, to die for them, so they could live eternally with Him!
- There were 85 students that came down to those alters to respond to the call of missions! Rev. Eric Hoffman was speaking, and said this, "SNEMN, you are going to have raise over \$3.5 million over the next 6 – 12 years, as these 85 students go to a Missions Field somewhere in the world. That is 85 vehicles, sound systems, etc... They need to have the tools to share the love of Jesus Christ with a lost and hopeless world!"
- Cornerstone, I believe that God is asking us this morning to commit to a love to each other that says to the world that – **"Love is real. Love is lasting. Love is life changing. Love is life giving. Love is final. Love is Jesus!"**
- **You don't have to have a platform to have a purpose! Your purpose is destined to be the evidence this world needs to love Jesus! You don't have to be gifted to be destined!**

Cornerstone, "Doing Life Together" is not a cute little statement. It is not just a pithy line in a Mission Statement. **Doing Life Together is truly a commitment to...**

**To stand in His identity for your life!**

**To watch Unity nurture Love!**

**To fulfill your destiny by loving people into a lasting relationship with Jesus!**

**Title Slide**

**If you are here this morning, and you are not life with anyone. You are running this race of life alone and hopeless. You feel defeated and like quitting, let me read to you one more time...**

**Rom. 5:6-9, <sup>6</sup> When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. <sup>7</sup> Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. <sup>8</sup> But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. <sup>9</sup> And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation.**

### **Title Slide**

**Now is the time to make your relationship right with God! And stop running your race alone! It is time to start doing life together with Him and His family! And we are that family!**

**Join our team down at the front!**

**If you are "DLT", yet you standing in His identity, you are not living in unity, or you not sure how to let your destiny be fulfilled... I want to pray with you!**

**Come join me down here at these altars...**

**Salvation Altar Call...**

**Closing Video – Corey Asbury "Reckless Love (Official Video)"**